

permit the jaws to be selectively opened or closed about a work piece and being slidable along the elongated slot to adjust the spacing between the jaws; and

a spring captured in the elongated slot and engaging the pivot pin so as to bias the jaw of the second elongated member toward the jaw of the first elongated member.

2. (Currently Amended) The adjustable pliers of claim 1 wherein the second elongated member includes a stop pin in its

intermediate portion that is adapted to abut the intermediate portion of the first elongated member in order to limit the degree to which the second elongated member can pivoted about the pivot pin.

3. (Currently Amended) The adjustable pliers of claim 2 wherein the intermediate portion of the first elongated member includes a series of notches external to the elongated slot, so that the stop pin of the second elongated member nests in a notch when it abuts the intermediate portion of the first elongated member.

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Please add the following new claim 8.

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8. (New) An adjustable pliers comprising;

first and second elongated members, each elongated member comprising a handle, a jaw, and a intermediate portion between the handle and the jaw;

the intermediate portion of the first elongated member including an elongated slot and the intermediate portion of a second elongated member including a pivot pin that is slidingly captured in the elongated slot, the second elongated member being pivotable about the pivot pin to permit the jaws to be selectively opened or closed about a work piece and being slidable along the elongated slot to adjust the spacing between the jaws; and

a spring captured in the elongated slot and engaging the pivot pin so as to bias the jaw of the second elongated member toward the jaw of the first elongated member;

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the second elongated member including a stop pin in its intermediate portion that is adapted to abut the intermediate portion of the second elongated member in order to limit the degree to which the pivot pin can slide in the elongated slot when the jaws are closed about the work piece; and

the intermediate portion of the first elongated member including a series of notches external to the elongated slot so that the stop pin of the second elongated member nests in a notch when it abuts the intermediate portion of the first elongated member.

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